

CBSA COVID Mandate Protests // 2022-02-13 20:00

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Update as of 2022-02-13 20:00 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

Ambassador Bridge

- No changes in protest activity in the last hour. Huron Church remains clear and the situation at Huron Church / Tecumseh was brought under control.
- There have been 25 arrests in total today.
- Unsure if the Ambassador Bridge will be able to open this evening. There are a lot of logistics and resources at play to secure the area. Incident command is focused on ensuring public order and safety is maintained.
- The Windsor Tunnel remains open. Higher traffic volumes reported but no delays. Windsor Police is on site in the event protestors attempt to impede traffic flow.

Peace Bridge

- No delay at Peace Bridge Commercial. Two truck lines scheduled from 1600-2000.
- No protestors are present at corner of Central and Garrison. NRPS is maintaining highly visible presence.
- No reports of vehicles in the traffic or commercial staff parking lots between 1630-1830.
- Law enforcement have cleared all vehicles off of nearby roads. There is a heavy police presence in the area. No commercial motor vehicles (CMV). 15-20 protestors left (on foot).

- The Peace Bridge Authority (PBA) has been directed by law enforcement to discontinue facilitating the movement of US Bound Commercial Motor vehicles (CMV). All CMVs have been directed to go to Queenston Bridge Commercial
- No delay at Peace Bridge Commercial. Three truck lines scheduled from 08:00 x 16:00

Coutts

- The blockade remains in place at various points north of the town of Coutts (Milk River).
- Both RCMP and USCBP are diverting southbound traffic to alternative ports nearby including Del Bonita, and Carway.
- Communications and border alerts identify that the port has temporarily suspended services and indicate that commercial traffic should divert to alternate Designated Commercial Offices.

Emerson

- Blockade remains in place north of the POE. RCMP continue to monitor and provide updates; nothing of significance report.
- Some passenger vehicle traffic continues to be processed and released via secondary roads. Commercial vehicles are returned to the US and directed to alternate POE's
- Traffic volumes remain steady, with very little at Emerson, and slight increases across the District.

Protests Events

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ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned CONFIRMED	Planned UNCONFIRMED
• Peace Bridge – Protest in Area • Windsor – Ambassador Bridge – South of POE • Sarnia – Hwy 402 Blockade East of Sarnia • Sault Ste Marie – Protest in Area • MCIA – lone protester vehicle • Emerson – North of POE • Coutts – North of POE • Pacific Highway – North of POE • Patterson – North of POE Overseas • New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests		CANADA <u>February 19</u> • Lacolle, QUE • Osoyoos, BC (Feb 19-21) <u>Unknown date</u> • SOR Rail blockade • North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MB

- France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium) - Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests		
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Enhanced Vigilance Examinations:

- Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. A vehicle penalty was paid. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
- Two Canadian Citizens participated in the “Freedom Convoy” protest at Pacific Highway and entered through the United States to travel back into Canada at Douglas Port of Entry. Clients were asymptomatic, not in possession of a valid pre-arrival negative COVID-19 test and were not vaccinated. They were referred to PHAC for enforcement and direction to quarantine. Exam was non-resultant and clients departed the port of entry.

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 12, 2022, at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure remains low.

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- Nothing to report.

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

- Nothing to report.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

Sault Ste. Marie

- As of 1837, three protesters remain on site, two SSM vehicles remain on site
- As of 1412, three demonstrators are on foot across the street from the POE waving at traffic. No protester vehicles have been observed. SSM Police are present.
- No operational impacts.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

Ambassador Bridge

- No changes in protest activity in the last hour. Huron Church remains clear and the situation at Huron Church / Tecumseh was brought under control.
- There have been 25 arrests in total today.
- Flatbed trucks are moving around setting barriers in place for zone hardening.
- Unsure if the Ambassador Bridge will be able to open this evening. There are a lot of logistics and resources at play to secure the area. Incident command is focused on ensuring public order and safety is maintained.
- Arrangements have been made for positioning the Public Order Unit Quick Response Team to remain in the area for the next 4-7 days, depending on the situation.

Peace Bridge

- No delay at Peace Bridge Commercial.
- No protestors are present at corner of Central and Garrison. NRPS is maintaining highly visible presence.
- No reports of vehicles in the traffic or commercial staff parking lots between 1630-1830.
- Law enforcement have cleared all vehicles off of nearby roads. There is a heavy police presence in the area. No commercial motor vehicles (CMV). 15-20 protestors left (on foot).

Queenston Bridge

- US bound commercial traffic volumes very high due to the QEW Fort Erie bound highway closure.
- All CMVs are being directed to cross at Queenston Bridge, resulting in US bound commercial traffic backed up for 10 km on Hwy 405. US CBP engaged and aware of on-going situation.
- Canada bound commercial traffic volumes low and posing no operational impact.

PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Gretna

- As of 1750 ET, the BWT has been reduced to under 15 minutes.
- As of 1505 ET, the BWT has been reduced to 2 hours as traffic continues to be diverted from Emerson.

Emerson

- Blockade remains in place north of the POE. RCMP continue to monitor and provide updates; nothing of significance report.
- Some passenger vehicle traffic continues to be processed and released via secondary roads. Commercial vehicles are returned to the US and directed to alternate POE's
- Traffic volumes remain steady, with very little at Emerson, and slight increases across the District.
- Commercial traffic is being returned south.
- Passenger traffic is proceeding and directed north through the town of Emerson.
- Most of the diverted commercial traffic is crossing through Gretna, with Tolstoi and Winkler seeing some of this traffic, as well. Gretna and Tolstoi will continue to remain open until 22:00.

Coutts

- The blockade remains in place at various points north of the town of Coutts (Milk River).
- Both RCMP and USCBP are diverting southbound traffic to alternative ports nearby including Del Bonita, and Carway.
- Communications and border alerts identify that the port has temporarily suspended services and indicate that commercial traffic should divert to alternate Designated Commercial Offices.
- Current extended hours have been coordinate with USCBP at:
 - o Del Bonita (09:00 – 22:00 MT) Monday to Friday
 - o Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun (February 12 & 13 only at this time).
 - o Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week
- USCBP has been reluctant to expand hours on a short and long term basis. Rather, USCBP have agreed to assess this need on a daily basis (at midday).
- CBP has advised that cattle haulers can be processed at any of their POEs in Idaho/Montana due to the current circumstances.
- Cattle haulers will be processed at the port of arrival and will be directed to the US veterinarian at the port of Sweetgrass, Montana.
- The veterinarian will complete the inspection of the animals at that point. Cattle haulers will then be free to deliver animals to destination.

Prairie Region provided the processing hours for the following ports of entry for Feb 12 and 13, 2022:

Feb 12th and 13th

Alberta

Regular Travellers:

- Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun
- Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week

Commercial Traffic:

- Roseville, BC
- North Portal, SK

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Manitoba

Regular Travellers:

- Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Boissevain (24/7)
- Sprague (24/7)

Commercial Traffic:

- Boissevain and Sprague

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PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Pacific Highway

- Feb 13, 2022, as of 1500 PT, RCMP officers are continuing to verbally engage with protesters that are primarily congregating just north of 1st Avenue & 176th, which is located just outside of POE property. Four protestor vehicles have returned onsite to block southbound lanes north of 1st Avenue and 176th Street. The number of protesters in attendance has risen (200+) since the last update at 1120 PT. Approximately 50 peaceful protesters are standing on the US side of the border and providing vocal support for the Canadian protesters. RCMP continues to remain in the vicinity with various checkpoints in place to limit volumes and will continue to coordinate with CBSA.
- As of 12:45 PT, approximately 40 RCMP officers are currently speaking with protesters that were congregating at the Canada/USA marker and 1st Avenue & 176th (just off POE property). At time of writing, two protesters have been observed being arrested by the RCMP. Two vehicles that were blocking southbound lanes at 1st Ave and 176th street were observed leaving along 0 avenue with RCMP in a peaceful manner. At this time, protesters have not been observed advancing onto POE property. The POE remains open and staffed.
- The CBSA issued a Border Alert message to clients/stakeholders and CBSA Communications have released media products advising of the service delays at the POE recommending that clients seek entry at nearby POEs.

Paterson

- More protesters arrived – approximately 10 vehicles with 25 people; protest remains peaceful. One lane remains open for traffic.
- Protesters are still at the Port of Paterson. A vehicle left to go get supplies and fuel for the protesters and one more vehicle showed up.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

POE Name	Province	S.37 POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes	No
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No
Coutts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	No
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
St-Armand/Philipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No
St. Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No

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OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

Ottawa, ON:

- Open sources indicate that the City of Ottawa has come to an agreement with several protest leaders that could lead to approx. 70 per cent of trucks and cars leave the residential areas in the downtown core over the next 24 hours and possibly relocate to the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway. [Link](#)
- As of 1424, there are approx. 50-100 people on Parliament Hill, approx. 1000 on surrounding streets and there continues to be protests and counter-protests within the city
- When safe to do so, police resources continue to intervene when protesters are seen bringing material support into the red zone
- Fencing around the War Memorial was removed by protesters on 12 Feb. Discussions are ongoing in regards to re-erecting the fencing when conditions permit.

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